

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of Applicant's comments below.

This amendment adds changes and/or deletes claims in this Application. A detailed listing of claims that are, or were, in the Application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the Application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Status of the Claims

Claim 15 is currently being amended.

Claims 10-17 are now pending in this Application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all of the claims (i.e., claims 10-17) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner found the claimed term “appears” in independent claim 15, line 11, and independent claim 17, line 7, to be vague and indefinite due to the following reasons:

“(i) If the IN query “appears” to the switch means physically “shows up” at the switch to be sent directly to the service platform, then how can the IN query be sent to NP server without via the service platform. Clearly, it is impossible.

(ii) If the IN query “appears” to the switch means the IN query “seems” to be at the switch or the IN query “seems” to be sent directly to the service platform from the switch, then it is indefinite since lacking of technological evident support.”

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The meaning of “appears” when read in light of the written description is clear. The specification (pg. 4, ll. 29-pg. 5, ll. 18) discloses

that the passing IN query via the NP server may be "transparent" to the switching center such the switching center "thinks" (i.e. it appears to the switching center that) the switching center is passing the query to an IN service platform.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn and that claims 10-17 be reconsidered.

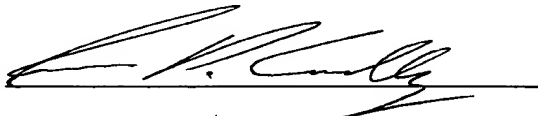
Applicant believes that the present patent application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the patent application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this patent application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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